

LAKE CARMEL PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes Sept. 12, 2016
Town of Kent Town Hall

VISUAL ROLL CALL: 7:10 p.m.

Present:

Kathy Wiede
William Morris
Dale Cusack
Pat Madigan
Rachael Paradise
Brett Harrison
Cathy Wargas

Kent Town Board

Maureen Fleming
Paul Denbaum

Minutes of Aug. 15, 2016, were unanimously approved.

Minutes of September 2016 response given to answer Town Supervisor's questions/comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Boat Docks

- Boat docks on the lake are illegal without the required permits.
- The board discussed that proper legislation could allow some existing docks to remain with annual inspections.
- There are five docks around the lake and one is in bad shape.
- Kent Town Supervisor suggested that the LCPDAB propose legislation to include inspections and approval of placement and approved materials.

2. Insite Engineering - Report on Spillway, etc.

- Work to be done in phases starting in the spring.

3. Lake Carmel Beaches

- **Closings:** Heidi Link, LC Park District Clerk, provided the LCPDAB with a document detailing all 2016 beach closings with dates and reason for closure.
- **Expenses:** Heidi also included the costs, \$21,950 associated with blue/green algae.
- **Equipment:** The LCPDAB would like to see more park benches and picnic tables at the beaches and around the lake. There are four additional picnic tables at the Park District garage that could be spruced up. In addition, it would be nice to have better swings at the beaches. A resident asked if fresh sand could be put at the beaches that are closed to keep them looking nice. Town Board Liaison Paul Denbaum said it would be helpful if the LCPDAB provided the Kent Town Board with a priorities list for next summer.
- **Flags:** The simple solution for the issue with the flag holders being placed too high on the beach storage sheds would be for the parks workers to lower them so the lifeguards can place them each morning and take them down each night. LCPDAB members expressed disappointment that the flags were not up this past summer as requested.
- **Lifeguard Shortage:** More publicity/advertising needs to be done to get more applicants. Why are less people applying? Do we need to pay more? Currently, the head lifeguards make \$16 per hour and the water safety instructor makes \$15 per hour. Lifeguards start at \$11.
- **Shade Trees:** Need to purchase trees to provide more shade at the beaches.

4. Retention Pond Report

- LCPDAB member, Brett Harrison, has been working diligently to try to find out what plantings should be around the ponds so that we can have them cleaned regularly of weeds and nuisance plants. The retention pond at Rochelle and Lake Shore Drive East is in especially bad shape in regards to functionality. The LCPDAB needs to get records through East of Hudson.
- Cornell Cooperative Extension will help us identify the plants that deter mosquitoes or attract mosquito-eating insects. DEP will also be on hand to help that day.
- There is a new draft regulation the DEC website in regards to storm water management that includes who should be inspecting the retention ponds.
- No permits are required to pump out the ponds.
- Kent Town Supervisor will look at the recent map concerning the Valhalla Road retention pond, which doesn't seem to be functioning at all.

5. Response to Maintenance Questions

- Flag at the Community Center: The flag was replaced in June.
- Twenty-four posts around the Lake are being replaced with new posts and an additional 12 new posts will be added for a total of 36 posts. Buffer around the lake has been trimmed down to 8" - 12" with a width of 3' as per past practice.
- No benches have been removed in 2016. According to Bobby Nix, in the past 10 years only one bench has been removed at Pleasant, between Beach 2 and Beach 3, and one bench has been added by Lockwood.
- A maintenance schedule for pond dredging is being looked into. The pond at Putnam Drive has been cleaned.
- A maintenance manual existed at one time. Kent Town Supervisor will check.

Retention ponds and mosquitoes

The Highway Department has a maintenance schedule for catch basins and retention ponds. Putnam Drive recently completed. Unfortunately, even when cleaned out of silt, ponds will always have water, grasses etc. around it. Mosquitoes do live and breed in standing water. We can look into using insecticide to control such.

6. Tree Maintenance

A number of trees have been marked for cutting down but it appears two willow trees that are healthy have been marked. LCPDAB asked if we could receive the list of trees marked for being cut down.

7. Old Business

- Code Enforcement: The abandoned house on Woodland is still in bad shape. A maintenance company did come out and cut part of the lawn but the front door is still unlocked. The code enforcement officer said he had to talk to the town board. The house is beyond violation and appears to be unsafe. Kent may be entitled to state money as part of the "zombie houses" program as we were grouped in with Carmel.
- Dredging Pond/Runoff from Patterson Crossing: Work will begin this fall to bolster the hill and protect the lake from runoff.

8. Comments

It was suggested that the LCPDAB be included in the town code. Request to remove names of two past members from LCPDAB.